

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A post protector to be positioned around the base of a vertical post, having a front and a rear portion, for preventing moving objects such as material handling equipment from striking the post secured to a support surface and for protecting the post protector itself, and any such moving object, from destruction of one by the other, comprising a barrier adapted to be positioned horizontally around the front and adjacent the rear of the post adjacent the base support surface of the post to protect said post from being struck by a moving object adjacent the support surface; and said barrier having contiguous front and rear portions defining a certain size interior enclosure adapted to enclose the post in the interior formed thereby and for providing spacing of said barrier away from the post.

2. A vertical barrier as defined in Claim 1 wherein said barrier rear portion has an extended support portion extending horizontally rearwardly significantly beyond the post; and said barrier having securing means interior thereto between said barrier and the post.

3. A vertical barrier as defined in Claim 1 wherein said rearwardly extended support portion comprises two support portions extending horizontally rearwardly significantly beyond the post from each side of the post.

4. A vertical barrier as defined in Claim 1 wherein said barrier front portion comprises two vertical panels extending respectively forwardly from said rear portions away from the post and together forming a vertical prow-like vertex connection there between.

5. A vertical barrier as defined in Claim 2 wherein said barrier front portion comprises two vertical panels extending respectively forwardly from said rear portions away from the post and together forming a vertical prow-like vertex connection there between.

6. A vertical barrier as defined in Claim 2 wherein said barrier has oblique vertical bends between said front panel portions and respective adjacent extended side support portions.

7. A vertical barrier as defined in Claim 1 wherein said barrier front portion includes two front panels having two sides extending away from the post and tapering together to a vertical prow-like vertex there between; said barrier having respective oblique vertical bends between said front side portions and respective extended side portions; and said barrier securing means within the interior of said barrier includes securing means between said barrier rearwardly extending portions and adjacent said frontal vertex prow-like connection.

8. A vertical barrier as defined in Claim 7 wherein said securing means between said barrier rearwardly extending portions comprises a central beam portion at the bottom of said rearward barrier portions between most rearward portions thereof and secured to respective rearwardly extended barrier portions, and said central beam portion being secured to the floor forwardly of said rear portion of said rearwardly extended portions.